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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OCLR, ET, US
SUBJ: NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO MOGADISCIO

REF: A) STATE 190599; B) COMIDEASTFOR 272100Z JUL 78 (NOTAL)

1. IN VIEW REFTTEL B PROPOSING FUEL STOP SHIP VISIT TO ASSAB
FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE BEING SENT
SEPTTEL, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY NAIROBI MIGHT GO A STEP FARTHER
THAN TALKING POINT CONCERNING ETHIOPIA IN REFTTEL A IN DIS-
CUSSING SHIP VISITS WITH GOK.

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2. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY NAIROBI ALSO INFORM GOK
THAT AS PART OF OUR ATTEMPTS TO DEMONSTRATE FRIENDSHIP WITH
ETHIOPIA WE HAVE CONTINUED TO REQUEST OCCASIONAL FUEL STOP
SHIP VISITS TO ASSAB, BUT THESE HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY RE-
FUSED IN RECENT YEARS, PROBABLY AS A REFLECTION OF OUR STRAIN-
ED RELATIONS. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY RECENT SIGNS OF PMGSE
DESIRE TO BE MORE EVEN-HANDED, SOMETHING WE KNOW GOK HAD

ADVOCATED ALL ALONG AND SPECIFICALLY IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI AND ETHIOPIAN COUNTERPART AND OTHER OFFICIALS. AS GOK KNOWS NEW US AMBASSADOR HAS RECENTLY ARRIVED IN ADDIS ABABA WHERE ETHIOPIANS HAVE BEEN MOST CORDIAL AND POSITIVE IN INITIAL CONTACTS. IN VIEW OF IMPROVING RELATIONS, WE HOPE ETHIOPIANS MIGHT CONCEIVABLY AGREE TO FUEL STOP VISIT OF COMIDEASFFOR SHIP DURING FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER AND ARE THEREFORE SUBMITTING AN OFFICIAL REQUEST. IF GOK COULD FIND OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION THIS REQUEST FAVORABLY TO PMGSE WE WOULD BE VERY APPRECIATIVE.

3. ACTION REQUEST: DEPARTMENT'S REACTIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL.
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